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Hoopeston council approves matching grant for downtown

A program that would provide a more unified look downtown was unanimously approved by the Hoopeston City Council on Tuesday.

Under the Downtown Matching Grant program, officials agreed to spend \$3,995 for an architect's rendering of a design for the downtown. Additionally, the city will earmark \$10,000 of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) money for matching grants to business owners.

Owners are eligible to be reimbursed for half the cost of renovations, up to \$5,000 per business, under the program.

Also, the council approved paying a \$970 per building architect fee. The fee covers individual designs for renovating buildings but does not include architect-recommended structural changes. Those costs would have to be incurred by the business owner, said Hoopeston economic developer Shannon Ruh.

In unrelated business, the council:

- Heard from former resident Virgil Fisher who complained he has not yet received a refund on his water deposit. "This is hate crimes against disabled persons," he said. "We need our refund. Keeping it is a crime."
- Mayor Bill DeWitt said he will look into the situation.
- Verbally gave Alderman Brandon Hamilton permission to sell the fire department's old ladder truck without waiting for council approval. Someone was willing to pay \$5,000 for the truck but rescinded the offer before the council met Tuesday night.
- Learned from Hamilton that fire officials did a walk-through of Vermilion Iron, suggested by resident Brenda Pancake at the Nov. 7 meeting after a fire call at the firm.
- Heard from Ed Hubbard who plans to make WiFi internet connection available in Hoopeston. Hubbard plans to make a presentation to the council at the December 5 meeting.

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Tiny Tots

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Music Booster winners

The Nov. 24 winner of \$100 in the Hoopeston Area Music Booster calendar drawing is Thelma Lugo.

Drawing winner

The winner of the Price-Less grocery raffle was Dawn Morris of Hoopeston.

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Lunch Menus



Hoopeston Area grade schools

MONDAY: Chicken nuggets, corn, animal crackers, applesauce.

TUESDAY: Sausage pizza, salad, pears.

WEDNESDAY: Hamburger/bun, pickles, tri-tator, peaches.

THURSDAY: Mini corndogs, baked beans, pineapple, cookie.

FRIDAY: Grilled cheese, fries, fruit cocktail.

Hoopeston Area High/Middle schools

MONDAY: Chicken strips, potato wedges, cheese sauce, applesauce; Choices: cheese dog/bun ham & cheese/bun.

TUESDAY: Pepperoni pizza, salad, pears, cookie; Choices: chicken patty/bun, corndog.

WEDNESDAY: Country fried steak/gravy, whipped potatoes, corn, hot roll, peaches; Choices: pizza, rib/bun.

THURSDAY: Chicken quesadilla, salad, pineapple; Choices: chicken nuggets, BBQ/bun.

FRIDAY: Sub sandwich, potato soup, crackers, fruit

who purchased tickets.

Hydrant flushing

The Village of Rossville will flush hydrants on Thursday, Nov. 30, weather permitting.

Police News



A 34-year-old Hoopeston man reported Wednesday that someone slashed all four tires on his brother's vehicle while it was parked in the 600 block of East Thompson.

cocktail; Choices: hamburger/bun, fish/bun.

Rossville-Alvin Grade School

MONDAY: Spaghetti, green beans, peaches, cheesy breadstick.

TUESDAY: Pizza Hut, salad, croutons, applesauce, oatmeal chocolate chip cookie.

WEDNESDAY: No lunch. School improvement day.

THURSDAY: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, peas, pears, biscuit/butter.

FRIDAY: Chicken patty, cheese slice, tater tots, pears, fruit snack.

CRIS/SAMS meals

MONDAY: Chopped steak, baked potato, green beans, tropical fruit, wheat bread.

TUESDAY: Lasagna casserole, Caesar salad, grape juice, apple & raisins, Italian bread.

WEDNESDAY: Pepper beef patty, loaded potato, carrots, mixed fruit, white bread.

THURSDAY: Meatloaf/tomato sauce, rutabaga, green beans, grape juice, wheat bread

FRIDAY: Ground sirloin, hominy, broccoli, peaches, chocolate chip cookie, wheat bread

All meals include milk.

Weather



Mostly sunny today. High 60. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 38. Tomorrow, partly cloudy. High 54, low 38. Sunday, partly cloudy. High 53, low 40.

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